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SWEA of the Year is elected

The Swedish Women's Educational Association (SWEA) has recently announced that *Marianne Forssblad* is the SWEA of the Year. Ms. Forssblad has for 27 years been the director and leader of the Nordic Heritage Museum in Ballard, just outside Seattle, WA. Ms. Forssblad has now resigned and will move to Laholm in Sweden in the fall.

On Sweden's National Day (6 June) she also received the King's medal to be carried with a ribbon in the colors of the Order of the Seraphim, another great honor, well deserved.

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King Carl Gustaf honors Erik Gustavson



Erik Gustavson of Karlstad and Ransäter, (Värmland), who is the director of the *Kinship Center* of Karlstad was honored by the King on the Swedish National Day 6 June 2007, when he was awarded the King's Medal (in size 8 to be worn with a deep blue ribbon) for his many years of efforts to build and extend the contacts between Sweden and America. SAG joins Erik's many other friends to offer our congratulations!

Lindsborg Workshop

SAG editor Elisabeth Thorsell will hold a workshop on basic Swedish research in Lindsborg, KS, on 12 October at the McPherson County Old Mill Museum.

E. Jan Hartmann is the Swede of the Year

The two Swedish District Lodges of the Vasa order of America have recently announced that *E. Jan Hartmann* of Naples, FL, is the Swede of the Year for 2007. Mr. Hartmann came to the U.S. in 1951 as an exchange student, returned home for law studies, returned to the U.S. and got a Master of Business Administration, and entered the business world. In 1970 he became Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer at Ziebart International Corporation, which during his leadership has grown enormously. Ziebart offers a complete array of car-care products and services to renew, protect, enhance, and maintain vehicle appearance and resale value. It is also North America's largest installer of aftermarket accessories. Mr. Hartmann resigned from Ziebart in 1994, and has since devoted much of his time to Swedish-American relations, among other things as chairman of the Development Committee of Swedish Council of America. Mr. Hartmann is expected to take part in various Swedish-American festivities in Sweden during the summer.

(www.vasaorden.com)

Minnesota Awards

In April 2007 the Minnesota Genealogical Society (MGS) held its yearly banquet at which a number of volunteers were honored with awards. From the Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota (a branch of MGS) the following diligent volunteers received diplomas of recognition: Fran Hillier, Dee Kleinow and Ron Swanson.

SAG offers its very best congratulations and hopes for continued cooperation in the future!

Swedish resources in Texas

The Waco-McLennan County Library in Waco, Texas, has some Swedish resources that might be of interest to SAG readers in the area.

They have a Genline subscription, thanks to support from the Nordic Clubs of Waco. They also have the *Emibas CD*, the *Emigranten 1* and *2*, and the *Swedish Death Index 1947-2003*. SAG hopes they will soon also become SAG subscribers.

7th Annual New Sweden History Conference: Carl Linnaeus, Pehr Kalm & the Early American Scientific Community

The 7th New Sweden History Conference will take place on 13 October 2007 at the Trinity Episcopal (Old Swedes') Church, 1129 Kings Highway, Swedesboro, New Jersey 08085. More details can be found at www.colonialswedes.org

13th Annual Scandinavian Festival

The 13th Annual Scandinavian Festival will be held in Atlanta, GA, on 13 October 2007. It will feature a full festival with a multitude of entertainment, cultural information, shopping opportunities, Scandinavian food, and much more. See a link to their website on p. 29.

